

Ruby Baby

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Ruby Baby is a line dance that dates back to the 1960's. An artist by the name of Dion made the song of the same name popular, but it has been recorded by many other artists and groups. I've used the same dance routine to many many other recordings, Usually, I pick out a country western tune, but it dances well to many tunes. Here is the basic routine. It is a 16 beat dance routine and a four wall dance.

Beats

1-4 Touch right heel to floor in front and return to stand on right foot. Touch left heel to floor in front and return to stand on left foot.

5-8 Touch right to floor in front twice, in a heel and toe action, and remain with the weight on the right foot.

9-12 Vine Right and turn right 1/4 on the 3rd step (right foot) and kick forward with the left foot.

13-16 Back up three steps, starting with the left foot, and touch with the right foot on beat 16.

To see a YouTube teach of this dance in a circle by Kit Galvin, [click here](#). To see the same dance routine done in lines, [click here](#).

Every once in a while, I like to return to the original version of the music for a party, just so the dancers can experience the original feel of the dance. There are several recordings of the Dion version on YouTube. [Click here](#).

In looking for music, I also ran onto a very nice version of **Ruby Baby** done by the **Nashville Allstars**. [Click here](#).. I think I'll probably use this version at future parties.

It's got the original feel of the music and the recording is much better than the 1960s technology.

Note: If you browse around on YouTube, you can find other versions of Ruby Baby as a line dance. As far as I know, this is the original dance routine. I have been dancing and teaching this version since the 1960s.